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In re the Application of:

Fumiyasu HIRAI et al.

Serial Number: 09/773,598

Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: February 2, 2001

Examiner: ANDRES, JANET L.

For: ADSORBENT FOR TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- β , METHOD FOR REMOVING THE TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- β BY ADSORPTION AND ADSORBER PACKED WITH ADSORBENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 28, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows, and the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

A marked-up version of the amendments is included in this response.